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For : AT LEAST SUBSTANTIALLY METALLIC CYLINDER HEAD GASKET  
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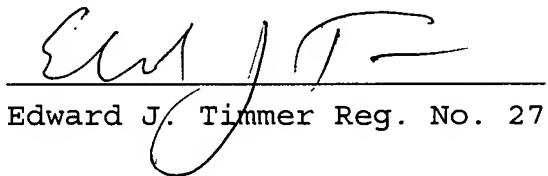
STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Dear Sir:

The undersigned conducted a telephone interview with examiner Lee on May 10, 2007, regarding an outstanding office action. Applicants received the examiner's Interview Summary mailed May 15, 2007. This Applicants' summary thereof.

In the telephone interview, the undersigned discussed the cited prior art and pending claim 24 and indicated to the examiner that the particular cited US 5,961,126 does not disclose at least one first bead (e.g. sealing bead) and at least one second bead (e.g. stopper bead) around each combustion chamber opening as set forth in claim 24, contrary to the examiner's referring to bead A12a and bolt holes of the patent. The undersigned asked whether claim amendments with respect to the first and second beads of each combustion chamber opening would raise new issues, and the examiner indicated new issues probably would be raised. As a result of lack of agreement between the examiner and the undersigned, Applicants filed a notice of appeal of the final rejection subsequent to the telephone interview.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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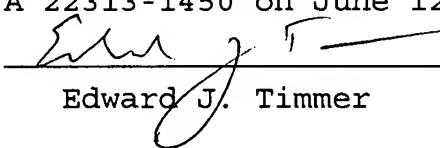
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